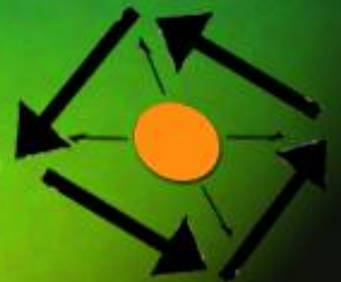


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Introduction To Our Church Family

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A model adapted from Saddleback Church



The Basics For This Class

- ◆1. The church is a FAMILY.
- ◆2. God expects you to be A MEMBER of a church family.
- ◆3. A Christian without a church family is ORPHAN.



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The Goal Of This Class

That I will commit myself to CHRIST and
to the CHURCH FAMILY!



What Makes Wood Memorial A Family?

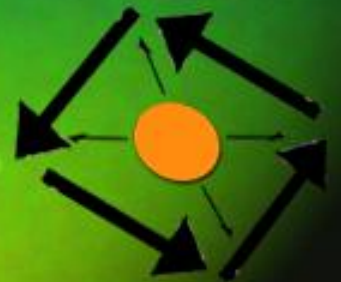
- ◆ Our Salvation (What God has done for us)
- ◆ Our Statement (Why we exist as a church)
- ◆ Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- ◆ Our Structure (When and where we fulfill our purpose)



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SESSION 1

Wood Memorial Gospel Service Strategy and Structure



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Who are we trying to Reach



The Four WMCGS Covenants:

1. The Membership Covenant... is a
commitment to CHRIST and
A CHURCH FAMILY.

2. The Maturity Covenant...
is a commitment to the HABITS
necessary for spiritual growth?



The Four WMCGS Covenants:

3. The Ministry Covenant...

is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in **SERVING** God and others.

4. The Missions Covenant...

is a commitment to **SHARE** the Good News with others.



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Why do we have these covenants?

We Become What We Are
COMMITTED TO .



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10 PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE OUR CHURCH UNIQUE

K-Keep the structure simple.

A- Authentic Leadership.

C-Climate of Acceptance.

E-Every Member a Minister.

D- Defined target.

A- Affinity groups.

D-Driven by Purpose.

S-Seeker sensitive services.

L-Life Development Process.

B-Behavior Preaching.



How should a church be Organized ?

- ◆ The Bible says the church is a fellowship.
- ◆ The top priority in fellowship is harmony and unity.
- ◆ Promote unity and downplay differences.
- ◆ Voting tends to create division.
- ◆ Church is not a democracy.



- ◆ The church is a family.
- ◆ We operate on the basis of Relationship not rules.
- ◆ The church is body.
- ◆ THEREFORE, WE FUNCTION ON THE BASIS OF spiritual gifts not elected offices.



Our Focus

- ◆ In an organization, maintenance becomes the focus but in an organism, ministry becomes the focus,



OUR STRUCTURE

- ◆ The people are the Ministers.
- ◆ The pastors are the Administers.
- ◆ The church is a flock.
- ◆ Therefore the church is cared for and led by shepherds.



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Session Two

Wood Memorial Chapels Gospel
Service Statements

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Why We Exist As a Church?

*"OUR VISION TO DEVELOP DEVOTED
DISCIPLES WHO FOLLOW AFTER CHRIST TO
FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION."*



Why We Exist as a Church

The Great Commandment:

"Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.'" Matt. 22:36-40

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Why We Exist as a Church

◆ The Great Commission:

“Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
Matt 28:19-20



WMGS 5 Values

1. Loving God Through Worship: Matthew 4:10

◆ To CELEBRATE God's Presence
(Worship). Worship helps us to focus on God.

2. Serving God by Serving others: Matthew 22:36-40

◆ To DEMONSTRATE God's Love
(Ministry). Ministry helps us to find our talents.



Why We Exist as a Church

3. Sharing God with the Lost: Matthew 28:19-20

◆ To COMMUNICATE God's Word (Evangelism). Evangelism helps us to fulfill our Life Mission.

4. Knowing God through Fellowship: Ephesians 2:19

◆ To ASSIMILATE God's Family (Fellowship). Fellowship helps us to face life problems.



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Why We Exist as a Church

5. Growing in God through His Word: Ephesians 4:12-13

- ◆ To **EDUCATE** God's People (Discipleship).
Discipleship helps us to fortify our faith.



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I. We Exist To Celebrate God's Presence

◆ Worship: EXPRESSING LOVE TO GOD!

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." Matt. 4:10



Expressions of Worship

- **Singing** (Eph. 5:19)
 - **Commitment** (Romans 12:1-2)
 - **Praying** (Ps. 95:6)
 - **Hearing the Word** (John 17:17)
 - **Giving** (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
 - **Baptism** (Romans 6:3-4)
 - **Meditating** (Hab. 2:20)
 - **Lord's Supper** (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

WMCGS Worship Style

“Celebration” Psalm 122:1 “Inspiration” Isaiah
40:31 “Preparation” Eph. 4:11-12



II. We Exist To Communicate God's Word

◆ Evangelism: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS!

"His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..." Eph. 3:10



Why Our Church Must Never Stop Growing

1. Because GOD LOVES PEOPLE!
2. Because God COMMANDS US TO REACH OUT!
3. Because GROWTH IS GOD'S WILL!

We believe our church must grow
LARGER and SMALLER at the same time.



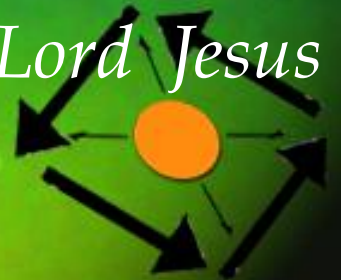
III. We Exist To Educate God's People

◆ Discipleship: BELIEVERS GROW SPIRITUALLY!

"Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..."

Heb. 6:1

◆ *"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18*



IV. We Exist To Demonstrate God's Love

◆ Ministry: MEETING NEEDS WITH
LOVE!

◆ The heartbeat and the desire of Wood Memorial Chapel Gospel Service is to develop SMALL GROUPS. Every member needs to be a part of one.



IV. We Exist To Demonstrate God's Love

- ◆ “Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities.. and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)... All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:4-5, 27



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IV. We Exist To Demonstrate God's Love

- ◆ *Every member is a: MINISTER!*
- ◆ *Every task is: IMPORTANT!*
- ◆ *Every member is a "10" in: SOME
AREA!*



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Our Statement of Faith!

What We Believe!



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OUR LIFESTYLES STATEMENT

What We Practice



OUR LIFESTYLES STATEMENT

◆ Priesthood of Every Believer

“Christ loved us, and by His death He has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve God...”

Rev1:6“ you are ...the King's priest...

God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God.” 1 Pet 2:9



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Session Three

Our Salvation



What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

Everyone wants to be happy!

Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.

Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure.

Some look for happiness by gaining prestige & power

But real happiness comes from understanding my LOVE.



I. Why Am I Here?

1. God made me to LOVE me.

Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ...because of His love. God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children — this was God's pleasure and purpose.” Eph. 1:4-5 (GN)

2. We were created to ENJOY a personal relationship with God and to MANAGE all of the rest of God's creation! This makes us special!



I. Why Am I Here?

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

- ◆ Clear Conscience Rom. 8:1
- ◆ Life & Peace Rom. 8:6
- ◆ Help with Weakness Rom. 8:26



I. Why Am I Here?

- ◆ Purpose Rom. 8:28
- ◆ Confidence Rom. 8:31
- ◆ Security Rom. 8:39
- ◆ Power & Strength Phil. 4:13
- ◆ Fulfillment Phil. 4:19
- ◆ Freedom John 8:32,36



II. What's The Problem?

Man has a natural desire to BE BOSS and to ignore God's principles for living.

- ◆ *"Look out for #1. Do your own thing."*
- ◆ *"If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."*
- ◆ *"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"*

The Bible calls this attitude: SIN!



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III. What's The Solution?

Jesus Christ said...

"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!" John 14:6

**JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE
OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!**



IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

1. ADMIT that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9



IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

2. **BELIEVE** that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9



IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

3. ACCEPT God's free gift of salvation.
Don't try to earn it.

*"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith
— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of
God — not by works, so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8,9*



IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

4. INVITE Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (“Lord”) of your life.

“To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! – not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!”

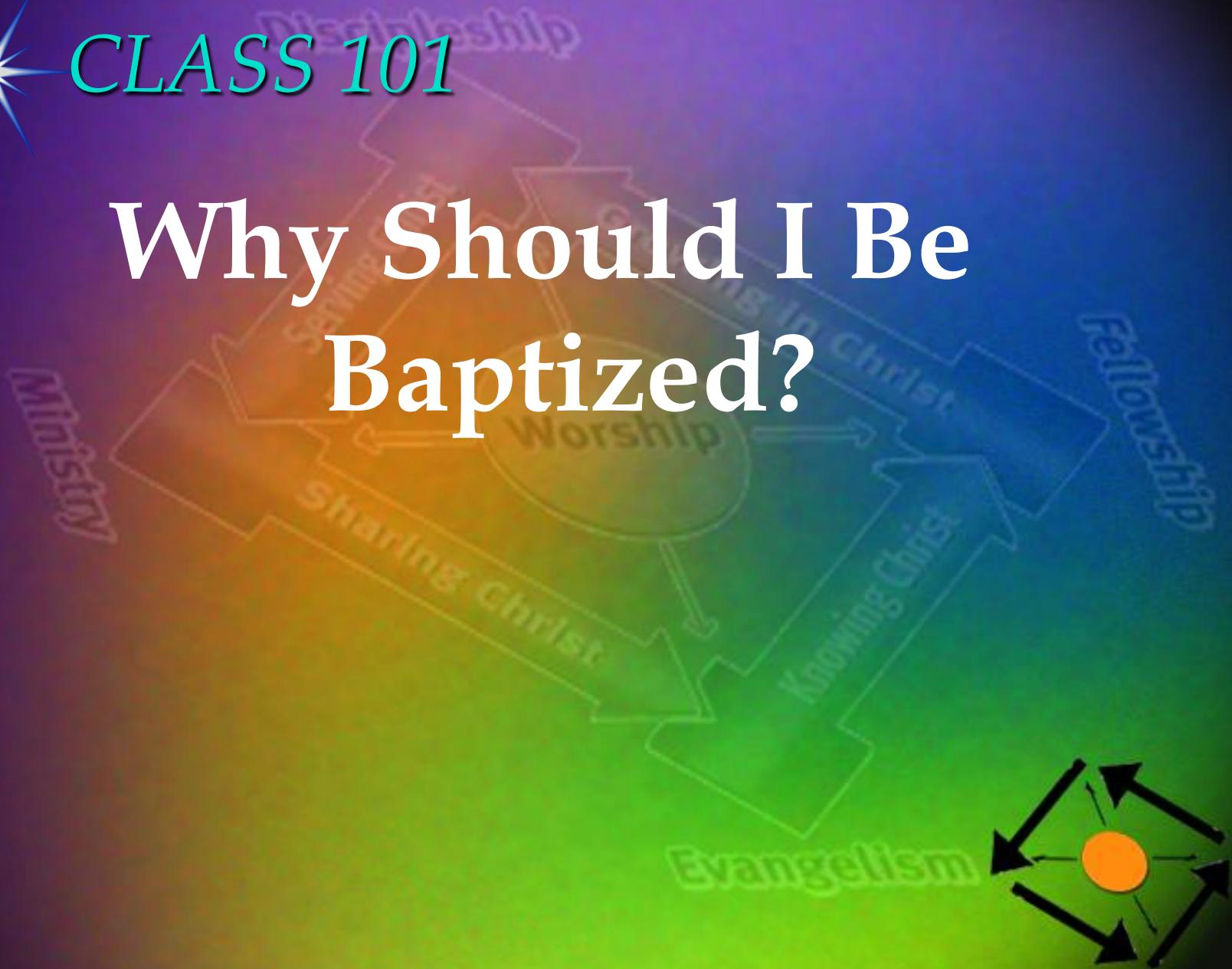
John 1:12-13



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Why Should I Be Baptized?



I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. To follow the example set by JESUS.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.”

Mark 1:9



I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

2. Because Christ COMMANDS it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” Matt. 28:19-20

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I. Why Should I Be Baptized?

3. It demonstrates that I really am a **BELIEVER**.

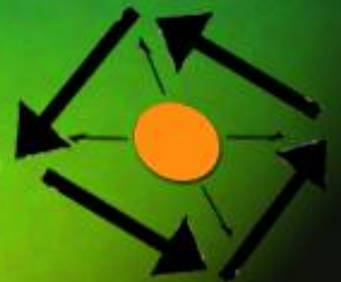
"...many of the people who heard him believed and were baptized." Acts 18:8



II. What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's DEATH and resurrection

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Cor. 15:3-4



II. What is the meaning of baptism?

2. It illustrates my NEW LIFE as a Christian.

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” 2 Cor. 5:17



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III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

Because JESUS was baptized that way.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” Matthew 3:16



III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

Every baptism in the BIBLE was by immersion.

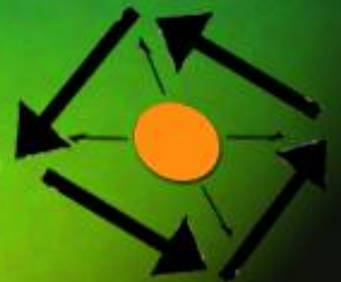
(Example) *"...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..."*
Acts 8:38-39



III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

The word “Baptize” means to DIP UNDER water”.

The Greek word *baptizo* means “to immerse or dip under water”.



IV. Who Should Be Baptized?

- ◆ Every person who has, believed in Christ.
- ◆ *“Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized...” Acts 2:41*
- ◆ *“Simon himself believed and was baptized...” Acts 8:13*
- ◆ *“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” Acts 8:12*



V. When Should I Be Baptized?

As soon as you have believed!

“Those that believe.. Were baptized that day!” Act2:41.

Can my family be baptized together?

What should I wear when I am baptized?

Will I have to say anything?

Special Needs?



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The Meaning of the Lord's Supper



I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

1. It is a SIMPLE ACT.

*"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed,
took bread..." (vs. 23)*



I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

2. It is a REMINDER.

"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of Me.'" (vs. 24)



I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

- ◆3. It is a SYMBOL
- ◆“In the same way, He took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.’” (vs. 25)



I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

4. It is a STATEMENT OF FAITH.

"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back." (vs. 26)



II. Who Should Take The Lord's Supper?

Only those who are already BELIEVERS.
(Mark 14:22-26)

“For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”

2 Cor. 11:29



III. How Do I Prepare Myself For The Lord's Supper?

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."

1 Cor. 11:27-28

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IV. When and How Often Should We Observe The Lord's Supper?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe The Lord's Supper. He instituted it on a Thursday night. Since it is a 'supper', it may seem more appropriate to observe it at an evening service.



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What it means to be a Member!

- ◆ The difference between "attenders" and "members" can be summed up in one word: commitment.



What is Expected of me?

◆ At Wood Memorial Chapel Gospel Service we are not going to ask our members to do more that the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.



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Membership Covenant

- I.** I will protect the unity of my church!
- II.** I will share the responsibility of my church!
- III.** I will serve the ministry of my church!
- IV.** I will support the testimony of my church!



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Congratulations!

You Have Completed CLASS 101

